

Bill is an educator who has dedicated over three decades, specifically 34 years, to teaching in Maine, New Hampshire, and New York. Upon retirement, he has dedicated his energies and talents to other retirees.

Bill was a leader in the labor movement and served two terms as president of the Niskayuna Teachers Association in my congressional district. Serving 8 years as president of Retiree Council 12 of the New York State United Teachers Association, Bill was influential in organizing the council.

Bill's leadership, dedication, compassion, and knowledge have had a profound influence on the lives of the students he has taught, the retirees for which he has advocated, and the friends he has made along the way.

In 1921, John Cotton Dana said, "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." It is in this spirit that Bill will be honored later this month.

I commend and congratulate him on all his efforts and hope his service and dedication can stand as a model and inspiration for countless others. After all, our future and our children's future are only as good as those who teach them.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD J. SCHNITZER

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I rise today in honor of the long and productive life of Harold J. Schnitzer.

Harold was a skilled businessman who, together with his wife, Arlene Director Schnitzer, established and later with his son, Jordan, grew one of the largest privately owned real estate companies in the western United States. But this quiet, thoughtful, modest man was a civic leader, a philanthropist for the arts, education, and culture in Oregon.

I personally experienced his kindness to a young man interested in public service. He continued to be generous with his opinions and advice, a story I know was repeated many times. His important contributions to our community will be enjoyed for generations to come.

We honor his life, even as we mourn his passing, and extend our condolences to his wife of 62 years, Arlene, his son, Jordan, his extended family, and countless friends.

#### HAROLD SCHNITZER OBITUARY

Schnitzer, Harold J. 87 June 08, 1923 April 27, 2011 Harold J. Schnitzer, businessman, philanthropist, and civic leader, passed away early Wednesday morning, April 27, 2011, in Portland, at age 87, from complications of cancer and diabetes. He was born June 8, 1923, in Portland, growing up in S.W. Portland where he attended Shattuck Elementary School and Lincoln High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in metallurgy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1944 and, immediately thereafter, served in the U.S. Army until his discharge

in 1947. Upon returning to Portland he joined his brothers in the family scrap and steel business, working alongside them until 1950, at which time he left and founded Harsch Investment Properties, a leading diversified owner and operator of industrial, office, retail and multi-family properties in five Western states. He served as President and Chairman of the Board for two decades before being joined by his son Jordan in 1970, who now serves as President. Together they grew the company into one of the largest, privately held real estate companies in the Western United States. Throughout his life he focused on three things: family, the business and his community. Harold learned early on from his parents, Sam and Rose Schnitzer, who immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s, the responsibility of making a difference with his life. They taught him and his siblings, Manuel, Morris, Mollie, Edith, Gilbert and Leonard, the importance of giving back to your community. In 1949 he met and married Arlene Director, daughter of family friends, Simon and Helen Director. Married for 62 years, they were lifelong partners in business, the arts and philanthropy. Their son, Jordan, was born in 1951. Over a career of 60 years there have been hundreds of organizations and causes that have benefited from his leadership and financial support. Harold served on the board of Lewis & Clark College for 16 years, a Life Trustee since 1995. His service to the Portland Art Museum spanned 21 years, ultimately as Chairman of the Board from 1997 to 2001, during which time a major expansion resulted in the opening of the Mark Building. He and Arlene are especially proud of establishing the Center for Northwest Art, and a curatorial and awards program. They also were major collectors of Han and pre-Han ceramics that led to establishing the Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Collection of Early Chinese Art. They gifted a number of works from the collection to the Portland Art Museum along with endowing the position of Curator of Asian Art. Harold and Arlene have also been strong supporters of arts and cultural institutions in both the Bay Area and Palm Springs, where they have residences. More recently Harold provided the lead gift establishing the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center at OHSU in 2007, one of only ten centers in the nation treating children and adults, and the only one on the West Coast. A diabetic since his early 40s, he valued good health care and appreciated its connection to the quality and longevity of life. The Center is his expression of helping others in their struggle with diabetes. Harold valued family and philanthropy that extended to Portland, the State of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. He served as chairman of multiple capital and building campaigns for Portland's Jewish Community that led to the establishment of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, and facilities for Congregation Shaarie Torah and Congregation Beth Israel, both of which he remained as a member until his death. Harold was always interested in ensuring that young people have the same educational opportunities that he had. He believed that with education comes greater appreciation of one another's differences and increased tolerance. He had a lifelong interest in funding scholarships and educational grants, and that ultimately led to him establishing Judaic studies programs at both the University of Oregon and Portland State University. Harold served the City of Portland on a variety of projects including the development of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Because of his leadership and philanthropy, the city named its symphony hall, the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, in honor of his wife, Arlene. He has been honored by numer-

ous civic organizations regionally and nationally in partnership with his wife Arlene including the following: Doctor of Humane Letters, Portland State University, 2004; Distinguished Service Award, University of Oregon, 2001; Aubrey Watzek Award, Lewis & Clark College, 2000; Arts Breakfast of Champions Honoree, NW Business for Culture and the Arts, 1997; Portland First Citizen Award, Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors, 1995; SAFECO Art Leadership Award, ArtFair/Seattle, 1994; Distinguished Service Award, United Jewish Appeal, 1966-1967; and the Outstanding Philanthropist Award, National Society of Fundraising Executives, 1996. He is this year's honoree of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to be celebrated Saturday, April 30, 2011. Also in April, the faculty of the Pacific Northwest College of Art voted to award honorary doctorate degrees to both Harold and Arlene. Harold is survived by his wife, Arlene; son, Jordan; granddaughters, Arielle and Audria; brother, Gilbert of the Bay Area, Calif.; sister Mollie of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Even during the last days of his life he was still working and planning on how to make life better for everyone else around him. Therefore, in lieu of flowers and to honor his memory, the family suggests that contributions maybe made to the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center at OHSU; the Portland Art Museum; at either of two Judaic studies programs at the University of Oregon or Portland State University, or to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011, at Congregation Beth Israel, 1972 N.W. Flanders St., Portland, with a reception to follow at 5:30 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum, Mark Building, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., Portland.

#### IT'S TIME TO GET FOXES OUT OF THE HENHOUSE

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we had a hearing yesterday in the Judiciary Committee. The Attorney General of the United States came before us, and one of the things we discussed was the fact that in 2008, toward the end of the year, there was the biggest, most important terrorist funding case that was ever tried, conviction of all five defendants on 108 counts, and now this administration has dismissed and is not going to pursue the evidence that the trial judge said was there to make a prima facie case against the co-conspirators.

Instead, you can go to the White House Web site and find that their deputy national security adviser is thanking the president of the Islamic Society of North America, which was one of the unindicted coconspirators, for his wonderful help in the White House and his great prayer he gave the year before.

It's time to get foxes out of the henhouse. Let's hold people responsible who want to destroy our way of life.

#### NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mr. SMITH of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the